

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A waxy solid having ultrafine particles homogeneously distributed in a mixture of vegetable oil and waxy solid, the oil being present in a major proportion by weight, forms a homogeneous colloidal solution which is then cooled and subjected to high shear to
5 form ultrafine particles of the waxy solid, *in situ*, in a size range from about 0.1 μm to 10 μm . The resulting stiff gel retains its shape and high viscosity for at least 30 days when confined in a container in an air atmosphere at 40°C at substantially sea level. The stability of the gel is visually evidenced by a lack of syneresis. The gel is destabilized at a temperature in the range from 52°C (125°F) to 100°C (212°F).